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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE COD FISHING IN SCANDINAVIA

1. JANUARY 7 LISBON PRESS REPORTED STATEMENT BY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER JORGE CAMPINOS THAT NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED "THROUGH POLITICAL CHANNELS" THAT IT IS "DISPOSED" TO OPEN ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS TO PORTUGUESE COD FISHERMEN. SWEDISH GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY HAS EXPRESSED "SIMILAR ATTITUDE".

2. NORWEGIAN EMBOFF TOLD US HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH OFFER, ALTHOUGH MATTER MIGHT WELL BE DISCUSSED AT BILATERAL TALKS PLANNED FOR THIS MONTH OR NEXT. IN OPINION OF NORWEGIAN EMBOFF ANY POSSIBLE FISHING PRIVILEGES WOULD LIKELY APPLY ONLY TO 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE WHICH NORWAY IS STRONGLY ADVOCATING; ALLOWING PORTUGUESE FISHING RIGHTS WITHIN
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12-MILE LIMIT WOULD BE POLITICALLY UNACCEPTABLE

FOR DOMESTIC REASONS.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT, IF MADE, NORWEGIAN OFFER
WAS PROBABLY EXPRESSED IN VERY BROAD TERMS AND GIVEN
TO PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER MARIO SOARES
DURING RECENT TRIP TO SCANDINAVIA. MINISTER CAMPINOS
IS CLOSE POLITICAL ASSOCIATE OF SOARES. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ACTION ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE
ON THIS SUBJECT.
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